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INCREASES PRODUCTION OF GAS -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 20 Dec 50

The German Democratic Republic's production of gas from coal was 70 percent higher during the first half of 1950 than during the same period in 1946. In addition, the following increase in yield was obtained:

Yield per Ton of Coal

Year	(cu m)	Tar (kg)	Benzol (kg)
1946	470	27.5	4.4
1947	463	29.0	4.7
1948	482	30.0	4.9
1949	492	36.5	6.8
1950 (1st half)	514	39.0	7.6

PLANS ADDITIONAL BROWN-COAL MINING -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 2 Dec 50

Mining operations in the newly opened open-pit Mine III of the Glueckauf Brown-Coal Mines will start at the end of 1950. It is also planned to start additional mining operations in the Spreefurth and Bruno mines.

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INSTALL NEW MINE LOCOMOTIVES -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 6 Jan 51

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Four electric mine locomotives were put in use recently at the Karl Marx Works in the Zwickau-Oelsnitz coal region. Locomotive-hauling operations were begun with this new equipment in the main tunnel. The secondary tunnels are being enlarged to extend locomotive hauling to the mine entrance. This will alleviate the shortage of mining cars.

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